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SUBJ: SCANDALS: UNITED BRANDS (BANANAS)

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1. ROME INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE DEL VECCHIO INVITED EMBASSY LEGATT TO HIS OFFICE FEBRUARY 10 TO DISCUSS INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED BRIBES PAID BY UNITED BRANDS REPRESENTATIVES TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. DEL VECCHIO NOTED PRESSURES TO MOVE FASTER WITH THE INVESTIGATION, AND REQUESTED EMBASSY'S INFORMAL COOPERATION IN OBTAINING INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY US AGENCIES (SEC) AND CONGRESS. LEGATT OBSERVED THAT FIRST POINT OF CONTACT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND REITERATED EMBASSY/DEPARTMENT POSITION OUTLINED REF (B). DEL VECCHIO ADMITTED THAT HE HAD NOT RPT NOT CONSULTED MFA AND VOWED TO DO SO IMMEDIATELY.

2. COMMENT: IF DEL VECCHIO IS AS GOOD AS HIS WORD, ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MAY SHORTLY BE APPROACHING THE DEPARTMENT. IF MFA IS NOT FORTHCOMING, EMBASSY EXPECTS DEL VECCHIO TO REITERATE HIS REQUEST THAT INFORMATION BE FURNISHED UNOFFICIALLY.
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IF THIS OCCURS, EMBASSY PLANS TO ANSWER DEL VECCHIO DRAWING

ON REFTEL (B), PARAS 4 AND 6.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT ON
ITALIAN EMBASSY REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON UNITED BRANDS CASE.
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